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Southern Nevada Recycling Coordinator Selected

LAS VEGAS — Kathryn Fergus has been named southern Nevada recycling coordinator for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). Her duties include coordinating, promoting and supporting recycling efforts in southern Nevada.

Fergus previously worked with the Tongass Conservation Society in Ketchikan, Alaska, in a collaborative effort to promote and coordinate recycling efforts with local, state and federal agencies. She also served as program manager for the Utah Society for Environmental Education in Salt Lake City, and as a middle school science teacher in Wilmington, N.C., where she established a school-wide recycling program.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental studies from the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

“Southern Nevadans need to do more recycling,” said Eric Noack, chief of NDEP’s Bureau of Waste Management, which oversees recycling across the state. “It’s Kathryn’s job to increase the recycling rate through education, industry coordination and cooperation, and innovative ideas and promotions.”

The bureau is charged with regulating the collection and disposal of solid waste in a manner that will: protect public health and welfare; prevent water or air pollution; prevent the spread of disease and the creation of nuisances; conserve natural resources; and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment in Nevada.

Chester Sergent was recently selected to fill a similar position in northern Nevada.

For more information on the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and its recycling program, visit the department’s website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/index.htm>.

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